

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

The amendment filed 9/1/2009 has been entered. Claims 1-35, 37, 39-42 and 50 have been cancelled. Claims 53-58 are newly added. Claims 36, 38, 43-49 and 51-58 are allowable.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art is considered to be Alves *et al.* (*J. Chem. Soc. Dalton Trans*, 2002, p. 4714-4719), which teaches pyrazolyl containing ligands and coordination complexes with rhenium and ^{99m}Tc. However, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest chelating agents having the structure in claim 36, wherein at least one of R₁, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆ is phenyl or benzyl; or claim 38, wherein at least one of R₁ and R₃ is aryl.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

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